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the Accident as well as a "Person Most Knowledgeable" (hereinafter referred to as "PMK") concerning the Standard Ground Handling Agreement ("SGHA") pursuant to FRCP 30(b)(6). Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the deposition notice.

- 3. In my letter of August 30, 2007, I advised UAL that the SGHA referred to in and attached to United's Counter-Complaint could not possibly have anything to do with any issue in this case, and that ANA would not produce a witness on this subject until UAL establishes some basis for its allegations concerning the SGHA documents that were attached to its Counter-Complaint ("1991 SGHA"). Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of my August 30, 2007 letter. UAL provided no response to my letter of August 30, 2007.
- 4. I participated with UAL's counsel in a telephonic Rule 26(f) conference on September 10, 2007, during which UAL requested a deposition of a witness with knowledge of the 1991 SGHA. I advised UAL's counsel that ANA would not agree to production of such a witness unless UAL would explain the relevance of the 1991 SGHA their pleadings were based upon to the 2003 Accident.
- 5. I again advised UAL's counsel in my letter of September 14, 2007 that no witness would be provided concerning the SGHA without an explanation of the relevance of the 1991 SGHA and why any question regarding the 1991 SGHA could not be answered through interrogatories or admissions. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of my September 14, 2007 letter. UAL offered no explanation in response to this request.
- 6. In my letter of September 28, 2007, I clearly explained that the 1991 SGHA attached to UAL's Counter-Complaint was outdated on its face and could not possibly apply to the Accident in 2003. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of my September 28, 2007 letter. I advised that UAL's Counter-Complaint relies upon the SGHA Main Agreement and Annex A signed by United

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on July 23, 1991 and by ANA on August 14, 1991, while the Annex B attached thereto and dated September 25, 2001 plainly states, "the terms of the Main Agreement and Annex A of the SGHA of April 1998. . . shall apply as if such terms were repeated here in full." See UAL Counter-Complaint, Exhibit 1, Annex B, page 1 PREAMBLE.

- 7. Also in my letter of September 28, 2007 I informed UAL that the Annex B attached to UAL's Counter-Complaint in Exhibit 1 was also outdated and would not have been applicable at the time of the Accident. Annex B.1.2 attached to UAL's Counter-Complaint as Exhibit 1 "is valid from: 25 September 2001" and was replaced by Annex B.1.3 dated 25 September 2002, which was the agreement in effect on October 7, 2003 at the time of the Accident. Copies of the correct documents ("2002 SGHA") were provided along with my September 28, 2007 letter. See Exhibit D attached hereto.
- 8. I further explained that UAL's Ramp Controller's negligence was his premature release of UAL Flight UA809 which was not "connected to" and did not "arise" out of any service provided to ANA under the SGHA. See Exhibit D annexed hereto.
- 9. In my September 28, 2007 letter, I also invited UAL to come forward with any information contrary to ANA's position and to amend its Answer and Counter-Complaint to delete Counts Three and Four which were based upon the indisputably wrong SGHA.
- 10. UAL never responded to my September 28, 2007 letter, but has filed a First Amended Counter-Complaint without moving for leave of the Court to do so.
- 11. Pursuant to FRCP 37 and L.R. 37-1, I made a good faith attempt to confer with UAL's counsel to resolve this issue without court action. In my letter of November 8, 2007, I requested that UAL have a good faith conference with me. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of my November 8, 2007

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On November 9, 2007, I participated in a teleconference with UAL's counsel, during which UAL's counsel advised that UAL would not withdraw its request for a deposition of the ANA witness with knowledge of the SGHA.

- 12. UAL's First Amended Counter-Complaint relies upon the correct 2002 SGHA that was in effect on the date of the Accident.
- 13. UAL has now recrafted its argument to rest entirely upon its own definition of the term "marshalling" which is a service to be provided under Section 6.1.1 of the 2002 SGHA, but provides no factual or legal basis to assert that the damages are "connected with" or "arise out of" any marshalling service.
- 14. Aircraft "marshalling" is a function of an individual on the ground guiding an aircraft with visual signals. See Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") Aeronautical Information Manual Section 4-3-25, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit F; ASIC GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit G; NATO GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit H; and UAL's "Ramp Services Trainer Aircraft Guideperson & Wingwalker," a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit I.
- 15. UAL's own training manual uses "Marshall" and "guideperson" synonymously and establishes that a "guideperson" is someone on the ground visually directing the aircraft. See Exhibit I.
- 16. Pursuant to agreements unrelated to any SGHA, UAL's Ramp Controller was performing FAA functions that had nothing to do with "marshalling" under the SGHA.
- 17. In a Memorandum of Understanding between the FAA and San Francisco Terminal Equipment Co. ("SFOTEC"), the FAA delegated responsibility for the operation of Ramp Tower G at San Francisco International Airport ("SFO") to SFOTEC. In this agreement, the FAA delegated responsibilities for directing

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aircraft in the area around Terminal G to SFOTEC. Attached hereto as Exhibit J is a true and correct copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FAA and SFOTEC.

18. In a Memorandum of Understanding between SFOTEC and UAL, SFOTEC delegated its FAA responsibility for the operation of Ramp Tower G at San Francisco International Airport to UAL. Attached hereto as Exhibit K is a true and correct copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between SFOTEC and UAL.

19. In UAL's Declaration of Scott Torpey in Support of UAL's Motion to Compel, paragraph 7, it is stated that it is necessary to depose an ANA Person Most Knowledgeable on the issue of SGHA, but no reason or relevance is explained. The SGHA is a form used by almost all international airlines and the specific SGHA was prepared by UAL as "United contract No. 108536-17" and was signed by UAL and ANA in 2002. See Annex B attached hereto in Exhibit D.

20. The Ramp Controller is a UAL employee under the control of UAL. The agreement giving UAL control of the Ramp Tower G was signed by a UAL General Manager. See Exhibit K. UAL fails to identify any area of relevant inquiry that could be supplied by an ANA witness knowledgeable about the SGHA.

21. UAL fails to indicate what light an ANA PMK might shed on UAL's claim that its Ramp Controller provided a marshalling service or any other service under the SGHA. All negotiations concerning the SGHA in effect at the time of the accident took place via email with the ANA negotiator sitting at his computer in Tokyo and the UAL negotiator sitting at his computer in Illinois. Attached hereto as Exhibit L is a true and correct copy of the email correspondence between ANA and UAL.

22. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Brief, Plaintiff All Nippon

Airways Co., Ltd. respectfully requests that the Court issue a protective order that a deposition and documents may not be had from an ANA witness concerning the SGHA.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 9th day of November, 2007, at New York, New York.

Marshall S Turner